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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni, Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Dr. Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone

Revision to South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 2 (Local Exchange)

Dear Mr. Terreni,

Attached is a revision to South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 2 (Local Exchange) filed on behalf of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone. This filing introduces Toll Limitation Service, revises the rates for Basic Plan, Deluxe Prepaid Plan, Double Feature Plan and the Unlimited LD Package and makes text changes to bundled service product descriptions to clarify the service terms. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of February 17, 2010.

The following tariff pages are included:

2 nd Revised Sheet 3	Updates Check Sheet
2 nd Revised Sheet 4	Updates Table of Contents
1 st Revised Sheet 8	Adds Definition
2 nd Revised Sheet 18	Adds Toll Limitation Service Maximum Rates, Deletes Heading Text
2 nd Revised Sheet 19	Revises Basic Deluxe Prepaid and Double Feature Plan Current Rates
Original Sheet 19.1	Adds Toll Limitation Service Current Rate, Moves Text
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.1	Makes Text Changes to Clarify Basic Plan Description, Changes Section Headings
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.2	Makes Text Changes to Clarify Deluxe Prepaid Description, Changes Section Headings
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.2.a	Makes Text Changes to Clarify Double Feature Description, Changes Section Headings
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.2.b	Adds Toll Limitation Service, Changes Section Headings
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.3	Moves Text, Changes Section Numbering
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.4	Adds Toll Limitation, Changes Section Numbering
2 nd Revised Sheet 20.5	Changes Section Numbering
1 st Revised Sheet 21	Changes Section Numbering
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Any questions you may have pertaining to this filing may be directed to me at 407-740-3005 or via email at mbyrnes@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Monique Byrnes, Consultant to

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone

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Attachment

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CHECKSHEET

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheets. Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- <u>Access Line</u> An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access.
- <u>Authorization Code</u> A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Budget to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.
- Commission Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Carolina Public Service Commission
- <u>Company or Budge</u> Used throughout this tariff to mean Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone a Louisiana Corporation.
- <u>Continental United States</u> Refers to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Calls to **(N)**Alaska and Hawaii are blocked. **(N)**
- <u>Customer</u> The person or other legal entity which orders the services and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.
- <u>Dedicated Access</u> The customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the customer's location to the company's point of presence.
- Resp. Org. Responsible Organization or entity identified by an 800 service Customer that manages and administers records in the 800 database and management system.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 <u>Computation of Charges</u>

3.1.1 The maximum rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below:

		(D) (D)
Basic Plan	Maximum Monthly Charges \$120.00 \$100.00 w/ prompt pay discount	(D)
Deluxe Prepaid Plan	\$160.00 \$140.00 w/ prompt pay discount	
Double Feature Plan	\$105.00 \$86.00 w/prompt pay discount	
Unlimited LD Package	\$20.00	
Non-published Number	\$10.00	
LD250 Option	\$10.00	
Expanded Area Service	\$40.00	
Toll Limitation Service, per line	\$5.00	(N)
Service Initiation Charges Activation Fee Transfer Name Change Number Change Calling Feature Change Restore Charge Reconnect Charge	\$120.00 \$80.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$30.00 \$50.00 \$50.00	
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National: \$3.50

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3.1 <u>Computation of Charges</u> (Cont'd.)

3.1.2 The current rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below: (Cont'd.)

		(D) (D)
Basic Plan	Current Monthly Charges	(D)
AT&T Areas	\$43.45 (I) \$33.45 (I) w/ prompt pay discount	(T)
Verizon Areas	\$49.95 (I) \$39.95 (I) w/ prompt pay discount	
CenturyLink Areas	\$49.95 (I) \$39.95 (I) w/ prompt pay discount	
Deluxe Prepaid Plan AT&T Areas	\$53.40 (R) \$43.40 (R) w/ prompt pay discount	
Verizon Areas	\$59.95 (R) \$49.95 (R) w/ prompt pay discount	
CenturyLink Areas	\$59.95 (R) \$49.95 (R) w/ prompt pay discount	
Double Feature Plan AT&T Areas	\$43.45 (R) \$33.45 (R) w/prompt pay discount	-
Verizon Areas	Not Available	
CenturyLink Areas	Not Available	(T)

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3.1 <u>Computation of Charges</u> (Cont'd.)

Unlimited LD Package	\$9.95 (R)	(M)
Non-published Number	\$5.00	
LD250 Option	\$5.00	
Expanded Area Service	\$20.00	(M)
Toll Limitation Service, per line	\$1.50	(N)
Service Initiation Charges Activation Fee Transfer Name Change Number Change Calling Feature Change Restore Charge Reconnect Charge	\$60.00 \$39.95 \$30.00 \$30.00 \$15.00 \$25.00	(M)
Directory Assistance Local National	\$2.50 \$2.50	(M)

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3.2.1 Basic Plan (T)

Basic Plan is a bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the AT&T CenturyLink and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina. The monthly charge for Basic Plan service provides a Customer with single, Voice grade dial tone line, which allows unlimited local calls on a flat rate basis and includes sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. Basic Plan service is provided with touch-tone as a standard feature.

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3.2 Services (Cont'd.)

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3.2.2 Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan

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The Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan is a bundled pre-paid plan offered to all residential customers in the AT&T, CenturyLink, and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina as defined by the Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission and includes: a) a residence dial tone line on a flat rate basis (b) unlimited access that does not exceed 2,000 minutes to intra and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States, per billing cycle; and (c) the following two (2) Custom Calling Features: Caller ID and Call Waiting¹. Customers may be required to access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

¹ Custom Calling Features are offered where facilities and equipment allow. All features may not be available in all central office switches.

3.2.3 Unlimited LD Package

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For a monthly recurring charge, Customer may add to the Basic or Double Feature Plans, two thousand (2,000) minutes, per billing cycle, of intrastate or interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States.

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3.2 Services (Cont'd.)

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3.2.4 Budget Phone Double Feature Plan

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Budget Phone Double Feature Plan service is bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the AT&T exchanges of South Carolina as defined by the Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission. The Budget Phone Double Feature Plan is a bundled pre-paid residential service Plan offered on a flat rate basis and includes sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. The Double Feature Plan, along with its individual components, is available on a where offered basis. Budget Phone reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to alter, change, or substitute individual features. Customers may be required to access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. The Plan includes an additional 250 minutes of continental long distance usage for the first one (1) month of service (certain restrictions, as outlined below, do apply). The customer has the option to continue to receive an additional 250 minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance usage for an additional maximum charge of \$10.00 per billing cycle. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

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The Double Feature Plan includes the following (available on a where offered basis):

- (1) Local dial-tone line
- Sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle
- (3) Call Waiting Deluxe
- (4) Caller ID Deluxe
- (5) An additional 250 minutes of long distance for calls terminating within the continental United States (included at no additional charge for the first one (1) (T) month of service)

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3.2 Services (Cont'd.)

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3.2.5 Expanded Area Service

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Expanded Area Service provides unlimited calling outside the specified local calling area, but within a specified expanded local calling area.

3.2.6 Toll Limitation Service

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Toll Limitation Service is available to all Customers to enable the restriction of certain types of outgoing calls from being placed over their exchange lines. Restriction is available for the casual dialing of toll calls, including 1+, 101XXXX 1+, 10XXX1+, access to 900, 976, 500 and 700 number calls, access to Directory Assistance and access to operator assisted calls. The numbers and services listed above are not to be considered all inclusive. Types of restricted calls may be changed and new or different restricted calls may be added as deemed appropriate by the Company.

Customers who elect not to subscribe to this service will be required to make an initial prepayment of \$500.00 from which the Customer's toll usage in excess of any allowances, Directory Assistance and operator assisted calling will be decremented. The Customer will be required to replenish the account when the balance is depleted to \$100.00.

Subscribing to this service does not relieve Customers of responsibility for calls charged to their numbers.

Customers are responsible for calls charged to their number via third number billing, collect or credit card.

Toll Limitation Service does not restrict calls to 911 emergency reporting service.

The Company shall not be liable for any damages of any nature or kind arising out of, or resulting from, or in connection with the provision of this service, including but not limited to, the inability of access to the operator for any purpose, or any other restricted codes.

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3.3 Customer Eligibility Criteria

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New and existing customers are eligible for these plans if they meet the following requirements:

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- A. Where applicable, customers must subscribe to Budget Phone Local and Long Distance service for both intra and interstate long distance service
- B. Plans are for voice service only and cannot be used for any use deemed inconsistent with residential use by Budget Phone.
- C. Plans are not available to customers with an account that bills to another number or is the recipient of charges billed from another number. (M)
- D. Plans are not eligible for customer lines associated with educational institutions (colleges, universities, etc) or businesses.
- E. Unlimited access to long distance is for residential voice telephone service only and usage does not include multi-party conference calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, calling card, operator services, international calling, toll free numbers, chat rooms, telemarketing, commercial, facsimile (commercial), internet, automated dialing, special interest lines, and other non-residential use.
- F. Unlimited access to long distance is not available for resale.
- G. If Budget Phone determines that usage is not consistent with typical residential customer usage, the customer, at the sole discretion of the company, may be subject to additional charges, loss of unlimited access to long distance service, or to an alternate plan.
- H. For the purpose of the Deluxe Prepaid Plan, typical residential usage is presumed to be total usage that does not exceed 2,000 minutes of intra and interstate usage per billing cycle, per account. Budget Phone's long distance platform will automatically deny calls on accounts that have used the allowed 2,000 minutes. Customers who wish to continue access to long distance on Budget Phone's platform can purchase additional blocks of time, in the form of Budget Phone pre-paid calling cards, from an authorized Budget Phone agent.
- I. Budget Phone reserves the right to verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements. Customers who do not or no longer meet the eligibility requirements will not be eligible for plans.
- J. Budget Phone reserves the right to exclude certain terminating telephone numbers from this plan.

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3.4 Lifeline (T)

3.4.1 Applicability:

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a. Lifeline discounts are applicable to local exchange services provided to eligible residential Applicants.

3.4.2 Territory:

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a. Within the base rate areas of all AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges as shown and defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

3.4.3 Discounts:

(T)

a. Lifeline is provided as a reduction of the subscriber's access line rate for local service in amounts equal to the sum of the state and/or federal approved and supported credits.

3.4.4 Terms and Conditions:

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- a. Lifeline is provided only to the customer's principle residence
- b. One low-income credit is available per household and applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low-income assistance programs identified in 5 following.
- c. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. Proof of eligibility shall be in the form of an affidavit, certifying under penalty of perjury, that the subscriber is receiving benefits under one of the qualifying programs or is eligible under federal poverty income guidelines. It is the Customer's responsibility to notify the Company when the Customer is no longer participating in any of the qualifying programs or is no longer eligible based upon income guidelines.
- d. When, for any reason, a customer is determined to be ineligible the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline account will be disconnected.
- e. Certification of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs will be required for any account that has been disconnected prior to the reestablishment of the service.
- f. Toll restriction is provided on all eligible accounts at no charge.*
- * Customers will be billed \$1.50 and credited \$1.50 on the same bill for Toll Limitation Service.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Cont'd.)

3.4 Lifeline (Cont'd.)

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3.4.5. Eligible low-income assistance programs:

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a. The eligible low-income assistance programs are the same as those defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

3.4.6 Rates

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The Lifeline credit consists of a Federal credit and a State credit.

	Monthly Credit
Federal Credit	\$10.00
State Credit	\$3.50

3.5 Link-Up

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- 3.5.1 Link-Up is a connection assistance program, which provides for the reduction of (T) applicable charges associated with connection of telephone service.
- 3.5.2 The applicant must meet the requirements for qualification for Lifeline Telephone (T) Service.
- 3.5.3 Rates

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The federal credit is \$30.00 maximum or 50% of the installation and service charges in this tariff, whichever is less.

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3.6 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

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Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

1325 Barksdale Blvd., Suite 200 Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

(888) 424-5588

Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to Budget. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate. If over-billing of a subscriber occurs, due to either Company or subscriber error, no liability exists which will require the Company to pay any interest, dividend or other compensation on the amount over-billed. In the event that the Company willfully overcharged any Customer, the Company shall refund the difference plus interest as prescribed by the Commission.

All Customer complaints are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission which may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

State of South Carolina Public Service Commission P.O. drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211 800-922-1531

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3.7 Level of Service (T)

A customer can expect end-to-end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

3.8 1+ Dialing (T)

Budget employs the use of customized code restrictions which permit local calls, residential long distance, non-chargeable calls such as repair service, emergency numbers (911) and 800 calling. Types of calls that are restricted are 0-, 0+, DDD 1+, 1+900. 1+555-1212 and 1+NPA-555-1212,411,976,1DDD01 and 1DDD01 1+. The Company shall not be liable to any person for damages of any nature or kind arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with the provision of Customized Code Restrictions.

3.9 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

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Emergency 911 calls are not routed to Company but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.10 Promotional Offerings

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The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations. All promotional offerings will receive Commission approval prior to commencement of such offerings.

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3.11 Prompt Pay Discount

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Residential customers who pay their account balance in full on or before the account due date will receive a Prompt Pay Discount in the amount of \$ 10.00. In anticipation of timely payment, the Prompt Pay Discount is applied to the customer's account at the time of billing.

The Prompt Pay Discount will be removed from an account where payment in full has not been received by the due date.

3.12 Non-Optional Extended Area Service

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Non-Optional Extended Area Service provides usage sensitive billing for calls to locations outside a customer's normal flat rate local calling area. The exchanges where Non-Optional Extended Area Service is required are:

Andrews, Conway, Elloree, Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, N. Myrtle Beach, Pawley's Island, Santee, and Woodruff.

Usage will be billed at \$.05 per minute and will apply in addition to the charge for local exchange service. Customers may elect optional detailed billing for measured rate calls originating from these exchanges. The charge for detailed billing is \$2.00 per month.

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3.13 OSS RECOVERY (T)

In addition to other charges that may be applicable under this tariff, a monthly recurring charge of \$1.20 will be imposed by Company to partially defray the cost of providing service to the customer through the Incumbent LEC's Operational Support System(s).

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